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**SUBMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.28(c)**

Sir:

Small entity status was established in the above-identified patent in good faith and certain fees were paid as a small entity in good faith. On October 18, 2007, the above identified patent was transferred to the current assignee, which is not a small entity. It has been discovered that through error, the fee itemized below was inadvertently authorized to be paid as a small entity fee.

Accordingly, this submission is made under 37 C.F.R. § 1.28(c) to pay the fee deficiency and notify the Office of lack of entitlement to small entity status.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.28(c)(2), itemized below is the charge that was erroneously authorized to be paid as a small entity fee.

Date of Payment	Type of Fee Paid	Current Fee Amount As a Large Entity	Amount Originally Paid	Deficiency
20-December-2007	Extension of Time for Response within First Month under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1)	\$130.00	\$60.00	\$70.00
<b>Total Deficiency Owed</b>				<b>\$70.00</b>

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Applicants respectfully request that the error in small entity status be excused, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.28(c).

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Authorization is given to charge the total deficiency owed, estimated to be \$70.00, to the Deposit Account No. 503-013. If there is any other fee associated with the erroneous payment of small entity fees, please charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 503-013.

Respectfully submitted,

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